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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. GC717-2-US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 1656  
Poulse ) Examiner: Moore, William W.  
Serial No.: 10/500,936 )  
Filed: March 25, 2005 )  
For: Multiply-Substituted Protease )  
Variants )

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006:

one month to : the extension fee is \$120.00.

two months to : the extension fee is \$450.00.

three months to September 27, 2006; the extension fee is \$1,020.00.

four months to : the extension fee is \$1,590.00.

five months to : the extension fee is \$2,160.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

[ ] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC717-2-US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 22, 2006



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